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Sir,

The City Police have received instructions to examine all papers and bills being carried about by people between now and the Chinese new year. It is said that this order has been given because it was reported that the rebels intended to go around distributing seditious literature at new year time, and that they hoped to escape the vigilance of the Authorities by pretending that they were shroffs collecting debts. It is said that the City merchants are very upset on account of the order.

It is reported that a rebel leader named Faung Sung Dau arrived recently from Japan, and that he will make final arrangements for the rising here. Previous to the second revolution, Faung was a military officer in Canton, where he was very popular with his brother officers. Since Faung arrived in Shanghai, he has met four representatives of the Yunnan revolutionists who urged him to start a rising in Shanghai before the new year. Faung told them that he did not expect to be able to do anything so soon, but he hoped to be able to induce the troops here to go over to the rebels quietly.

Four Arsenal detectives were dismissed yesterday for incompetency.

It is reported that the Central Government has decided to separate the offices of Taoyin and Commissioner for Foreign Affairs in Shanghai. The former office will be filled by Mr. Chow and will be situated in Chapei, while the latter office will be taken over by Mr. Yang Tscheng, and will be situated in the Bureau of Foreign Affairs on Bubbling Well Road. It is said that a house belonging to Yu Yah Ching 俞雅清 which is situated in Zung Tsung Li alleyway off North Chekiang Road, O.O.L. will be occupied by the Taoyin.

The China Mail S.S. Co's S.S. "China" arrived at Woosung yesterday afternoon. In addition to the Company's tender, she was met by the tender "Paula" of the Hamburg American Line, which conveyed a German named Melcher from the ship to the jetty. Melcher is now staying at the Kalee Hotel. It is said that he was a prisoner of war either in Japan or Hongkong.

Captain Superintendent of Police.

William Armstrong Sgt